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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY ON CSCE FOR JULY 27

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1. FINNISH PRESS TODAY REPORTED PRESIDENT FORD'S DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CSCE AND ESTIMATED ORDER OF ARRIVAL OF DELEGATION LEADERS. THE BULK OF THE CSCE COVERAGE WAS DEVOTED TO REVIEWS OF THE DEVELOPMENTS LEADING TO THE SECURITY CONFERENCE. EDITORIAL COMMENT ON FORD-BREZHNEV MEETINGS ON SALT.

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2. PRESIDENT FORD STATS HIS EUROPEAN TRIP. PRESIDENT

GERALD FORD STARTED HIS 10-DAY EUROPEAN TRIP YESTERDAY BY DEFENDING HIS DECISION TO SIGN THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CSCE IN HELSINKI NEXT WEEK, FINNISH NEWSPAPERS REPORTED QUOTING WIRE SERVICE REPORTS.

REPORTS NOTED THAT IN THE SPEECH PUBLISHED IN ADVANCE, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE CSCE DOES NOT CHANGE THE OFFICIAL POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES NOT TO RECOGNIZE LITHUANIA, LATVIA AND ESTONIA AS PARTS OF THE SOVIET UNION. AT THE AIRPORT, PRESIDENT FORD, HOWEVER, OMITTED THIS PART OF HIS SPEECH.

3. MAKARIOS FIRST TO ARRIVE. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, WILL BE THE FIRST DELEGATION LEADER TO ARRIVE IN HELSINKI WHERE HE IS EXPECTED ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED. THE DELEGATION OF LIECHTENSTEIN IS ALSO EXPECTED THE SAME AFTERNOON. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM WILL ARRIVE AT NOON ON TUESDAY AS DO MOST OTHERS.

4. FINLANDIA HALL OFFICIALLY READY MONDAY MORNING. THE FINLANDIA HALL WILL BE OFFICIALLY READY TO OPEN ITS DOORS TO THE PRESS AND THE OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS ON MONDAY MORNING AT 8 A.M. WHEN NEWSMEN CAN START USING THE PRESS FACILITIES, HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED. MOST OF THE FINNISH CSCE SECRETARIAT WILL MOVE TO THE FINLANDIA HALL DURING THE WEEKEND, BUT PRESS ACCREDITATION WILL CONTINUE AT HOTEL MARSKI. SO FAR, ABOUT 1,000 FOREIGN AND 300 FINNISH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES HAVE REGISTERED.

5. MIKHAIL KALININ TO HELSINKI. THE SOVIET SHIP MIKHAIL KALININ ARRIVED YESTERDAY IN HELSINKI AND DOCKED IN THE SOUTHERN HARBOR. THE SHIP WILL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND ACCOMODATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED. THE IMMEDIATE AREA SURROUNDING THE SHIP WAS CORDONED OFF WITH SECURITY FENCE.

6. MANY CHANGES IN THE LEADERSHIP OF WEST EUROPE. CONGRESSMAN GERALD FORD OF MICHIGAN HARDLY THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THE CSCE TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO WHEN THE AMBASSADORS OF 34 COUNTRIES MET IN HELSINKI FOR THE PREPARATORY STAGE OF THE CSCE, PENTTI SUOMINEN WROTE IN INDEPENDENT HELSINKIN UNCLASSIFIED

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SANOMAT IN AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE MEN WHO LEAD THE DELEGATIONS. FORMER CONGRESSMAN FORD IS BY NO MEANS THE ONLY LEADER WHO IN JULY 1973 AT THE START OF THE CSCE I WAS FAR FROM THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF HIS COUNTRY, SUOMINEN NOTED.

7. MAX JAKOBSON ON CSCE. MAX JOKOBSON, FINLAND'S FORMER U.N. AMBASSADOR AND FORMER CANDIDATE FOR THE U.N. SECRETARY

GENERAL, DISCUSSED EUROPEAN SECURITY IN HELSINGIN SANOMAT AND SAID THAT THE GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE CSCE TALKS HAS BEEN THAT THE WEST IS DRAGGING THE EAST TOWARDS GREATER FREEDOM AS A COUNTERWEIGHT TO WESTERN CONFIRMATION, WITH THE SIGNING OF THE CSCE DOCUMENT, OF THE INVIOABILITY OF POST-WORLD WAR II BORDERS. THIS IMPRESSION IS A SUPERFICIAL AND ONE-SIDED ONE; THE WESTERN OBJECTIVE AS TO WHAT IT REGARDS AS DESIRABLE AND THE EASTERN OBJECTIVE AS TO WHAT IT REGARDS AS VITAL ARE NOT IDENTICAL AND COMPARABLE. JAKOBSON BELIEVES THAT THE CSCE CAN ALSO BE DESCRIBED AS A CONFERENCE OF SMALL NATIONS WHICH UNDERLINES THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

8. COMMENT ON THE WORLD AFTER THE CSCE. KYOSTI SKYTТА, COLUMNIST OF INDEPENDENT AFTERNOONER ILTA-SANOMAT JULY 26 REVIUED THE CONCESSIONS FROM BOTH SIDES IN THE COURSE OF THE CSCE TALKS AND SAID: "THE CSCE DOCUMENT, IF AND WHEN IT IS SIGNED IN HELSINKI, HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SOVIET UNTION AND THE UNITED STATES. THAT MEANS THAT EUROPE'S IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL DIVISION WILL REMAIN, AND IT WILL EVEN BE STRENGTHENED. NEITHER OF THE SUPERPOWERS WILL TOLERATE A TOO VISIBLE DEVIATION FROM THE RANKS. THE PEOPLES OF THE EAST WILL STAY UNDER STRICT GUARDIANSHIP AND THEY WILL DEVELOP THEIR SOCIETY AND CULTURE ON THAT BASIS; THE PEOPLES OF THE WEST WILL PRESERVE THEIR 'FREEDOM' MANIPULATED BY THE UNITED STATES, PRIVATE ECONOMIC LIFE AND COMMERCIAL ENTERTAINMENT. AM I A PESSIMIST? I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THIS IS PESSIMISM. WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PORTUGAL IN THESE DAYS MAY BE MORE SYMPTOMATIC FOR THE FUTURE OF EURPOE THAN THE CSCE MEETING IN HELSINKI."

9. EDITORIAL COMMENT ON CSCE. INDEPENDENT ILTA-SANOMAT
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EDITORIALIZED JULY 26 ON PRESIDENT FORD'S BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL BREZHNEV AND SAID : " ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT FORD, HIS TALKS WITH BREZHNEV WILL CONCENTRATE ON SOLVING THE PROBLEMS IN THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS. THE SALT ROUND IN GENEVA HAS PROGRESSED SLOWER THAN EXPECTED AND PUSH FROM THE TOP IS NEEDED IF THE AGREEMNT IS TO BE READY BY THE TIME BREZHNEV VISITS THE UNITED STATES NEXT FALL. " "FORD EXPRESSED A HOPE ON THE EVE OF HIS EUROPEAN TRIP THAT 'PRELIMINARY DECISIONS' ON SALT II AGREEMENT COULD BE MADE IN HELSINKI. IF PROGRESS IN SALT IS REALLY MADE IN THE SHADOW OF THE CSCE AND IF THE DEADLOCKED SALT TALKS CAN BE UNLICKED, THE DETENTE WOULD AT LAST START SHOWING IN THE ARMS RACE, TOO, AND EUROPE'S SECURITY IS TIGHTLY LINKED TO THE CURBING OF THE ARMS RACE. " AUSTAD

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